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1. Open to all readers of SOCIAL JUSTICE, except employes of Reverend Father Coughlin, members of the former National Board of the National Union for Social Justice, or members of their families.
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SECOND PRIZE	1,000
THIRD PRIZE	400
FOURTH PRIZE	100
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100 Prizes of $10 each.	
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Read carefully the easy rules. They are for your guidance. Realize that you CAN WIN as easily as any other person in the contest. START TODAY!

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King Promised to Relieve Poor, Ministers Order He Must Go

EYES and EARS

By Mark Meechan

THE new sentiment of the WPA workers is finding expression throughout the country these last three or four weeks.

Perhaps it was expressed most pithily by a worker who found publication in the people's column of the lordly New York Times. He protests:

"What we of the Federal Theater Project fear most is now a reality. One-fifth of us are, as the administration so naively puts it, to "go" by December 15. The administration neglects to state definitely where we are to go, but the implication is there, and the place as we all know is torrid.

"Thinking back to those hectic days before election, one can dimly recall the cry of the boys in Washington for an unmistakable mandate from the American people for the continuance of those worthy organizations which had been created to give succor to those who finally had reached the end of their resources, and to help preserve the single most valuable asset of this great nation—its man-power.

"The mandate came. Paradoxically, the 'balance the budget at any cost' campaign cry of Alfred W. Landon is now being hysterically echoed by the victor's underlings as weighty words of wisdom which should be applied instanter."

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Another from the Times has a different but even more bitter word to say:

"The order requiring the dismissal of approximately 20 per cent of these security workers, charges the supervisors to submit recommendations for dismissal, between now and December 15, of the 'least useful members of their staffs and also of 'psychopaths'.

"Thanks to the gratuitous epithet 'least useful," dismissal carries with it the stigma of incompetence. Many employers will not hire an ex-WPA worker. If, in addition to this handicap, the worker must also be branded as incompetent, his chances of being absorbed in industry are highly improbable. Moreover, the government has made no

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Wages Lag Under Rising Living Cost

By the Labor Editor

The Michigan public has been treated to another demonstration of the importance of labor by a sit-down strike in the transportation industry, affecting interurban and suburban buses in southeastern Michigan.

The bus drivers were striking for 75 cents an hour, an increase over their present pay, which is 55 cents.

Fifty-five cents for a 40-hour week in a 50-week year is $1,100. Seventy-five cents is $1,500 a year. The cost of living for a family of five in their part of the country amounts to $1,663 a year!

Here is the Budget

This estimate is predicated upon the following — by-no-means extravagant—budget:

Food	$520.08
Clothing	218.28
Rent	390.00
Furnishings	84.72
Heat and light	129.00
Insurance	29.28
Health	82.08
Savings, Emergency	120.00
Extras	90.36
Total	$1,663.80

It is universally recognized that profits and the declaration of corporate dividends out of these profits are continuing to run far ahead of payrolls.

November witnessed the distribution of over $900-million to stockholders, and as profits grow and as wages are increased, labors real wage is constantly lessening. The living costs mount higher. Practically no attempt is being made throughout America to curtail rising prices, nor is additional employment by industry receiving the attention it deserves.

The tendency throughout the nation is to increase the present workers' hours rather than add employes wherever possible.

It is now estimated that the 1936 week of the average worker is 2 7-10 hours longer than the 1934 week.

Once again in review SOCIAL JUSTICE stands **for the right of the working man to organize and bargain collectively through representatives of his own choosing.** SOCIAL JUSTICE stands for a **just and annual wage** to be paid every man capable of working and willing to work.

His Majesty, King George VI

—*Acme Picture.*

The Duke of York, younger brother of King Edward VIII, who as "King George VI" succeeds to the throne of England, must assume the weighty responsibility of placating a disturbed people, curing the depression, guiding Great Britain's war policy, combating Communism and taking orders from the international bankers whose opposition to Edward cost him the throne on the very eve of his coronation.

The National Union Is Not Dead!

By Father Coughlin

I do not wish to engage your attention in this issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE with any matters relative to the future of the National Union. Nevertheless, I wish to assure you, despite all rumors to the contrary, that **the National Union is not dead.** It is merely resting. Our plans are made, our decisions have been arrived at. At the proper moment all these things will be clearly explained to you in the columns of this newspaper.

Meanwhile, pay no heed to any misinformation originating elsewhere.

Not one of our sixteen principles will be changed, **nor will I retreat one inch from the point to which we have advanced!**

Cling fast to the theory that neither politicians nor ministers of religion can stem the tide of Communism unless they remove the causes which create Communism.

Although politicians, like witches, will brew another war with all its false prosperity and its needless suffering; although some clergymen will play from their pulpits the discordant tunes of false patriotism, nevertheless time will decide the outcome.

Meanwhile, let every member of the National Union abide by the judgment of Pius XI, that **neither exploitation of the poor nor the concentration of wealth can be outlawed unless the current theories relative to money and credit are Christianized.**

During this interval of sleep, it will be necessary for me to modify some of the activities of the National Union and to weed out many of the politicians who gained entrance into our organization.

From time to time, I shall be happy to receive any logical suggestions which you have to make.

Love Affair Only a Pawn in Bank Plot

By Justin Soval

The abdication of King Edward VIII of England signals a new "Norman conquest" for the British. A strong-willed Windsor, who had let it be known that he was a friend of the suffering people, is displaced to make way for a "safe" Duke.

The flag of Montagu Norman's Bank of England is unfurled in victory, while the colors of a proud Empire are dipped in a humiliating salute.

Flushed with this greatest victory in all history—their deposition of a British emperor—will the international bankers be able further to conceal their hand? Or, will they now be emboldened to come out into the open, in arrant defiance of public opinion? Or having sown the wind, will they now reap the whirlwind?

A King's Love

Bankers' Pawn

The sentimental newspaper-selling story of a King's romance was originated by the press in this country to give people something to take their minds off the newspapers' unanimous repudiation in the recent election.

The banker-controlled press has been avid to feed the romantic and the sentimental public this story of the young King's devotion to a divorcee; but there has been almost a frenzy of stupidity on the part of the press to avoid going beyond this surface story.

A "plant" in which a King fell victim or alert seizure of fortuitous circumstance, it matters little. The banking oligarchy, scared out of their shoes by the young King's outspoken sympathy for the victims of industrial and financial exploitation, determined to be rid of him. **Plot or accident, the romance was made for them.**

The conservative British people, however friendly to a monarch so sympathetic with their poverty, could, nevertheless, be depended upon to resist an American divorcee on the throne of England. Baldwin and the ministers staked everything upon this reaction of the British public—and won.

Radio Closed to King's Case

With the King's abdication and the opportunity to speak for the first time in his life as a private citizen, it was hoped that "Prince Edward," as he is now known, might tell his story. But the very day of his abdication, a gag was placed on British-controlled radio broadcasting, specifi-

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PRINCIPLES OF SOCIAL JUSTICE

1. **Liberty of conscience and education.**
2. **Just, living, annual wage.**
3. **Nationalization of important public resources.**
4. **Private ownership of all other property.**
5. **Control of private property for public good.**
6. **Abolition of Federal Reserve Banking System and establishment of a government-owned Central Bank.**
7. **Restoration to Congress of its sole right to coin and regulate the value of money.**
8. **Maintain cost of living on an even keel.**
9. **Cost of production plus a fair profit for the farmer.**
10. **Labor's right to organize.**
11. **Recall of non-productive bonds.**
12. **Abolition of tax-exempt bonds.**
13. **Broadened base of taxation on basis of ownership and capacity to pay.**
14. **Simplification of government and lower taxes.**
15. **Conscription of wealth as well as men in event of war.**
16. **Sanctity of human rights preferred to sanctity of property; with government's chief concern for the poor.**

The Incarnation

AMONG the many mysteries of our Christian religion there is none filled with so much significance as the Mystery of the Incarnation, to which we refer so often as the "Word Made Flesh."

A mystery does not signify that religion proposes something to our minds which is in contradiction to truths either known or knowable. It means merely that religion presents to us, through the mirror of faith, a truth too deep for the mere human mind to comprehend.

In one sense, life is filled with mystery. To the many persons who have not studied the science of physics, electricity is a mystery.

To those of us who have not been privileged to study chemistry and biology, it is a mystery how certain foods, when eaten and digested, are separated in the laboratory of the human body into bones, sinew, blood, brain cells and nerves.

The mathematical precision which characterizes the marvelous course of the planets in their unerring orbits, the inscrutable nicety by which a seed, nursed by winds and rain and sun, blooms blushingly into the fragrance of the rose—both are veiled in natural mystery which the keen minds of the philosophers have been unable to understand.

A mystery merely means that the truth of the evident fact, together with its causes, is too inscrutable for the human mind to explore.

Relative to the Mystery of the Incarnation, neither the angelic intellect of Gabriel, nor the human intellect of a Thomas Aquinas can either understand or explain why an Infinite God deigned to become man. That is God's secret which He keeps cloistered in the depths of His own infinite mind.

Scoffers and materialists will sneer at the religious mysteries which come verified to us on the authority of God Himself. Nevertheless they will accept the pseudo mysteries of Einstein and the natural mysteries which meet us face to face in our daily lives.

There is nothing mysterious about a mystery. Because a person does not understand the abstract truths of geometry and astronomy, is not proof that these truths do not exist. If such a condition proves anything, it proves only that some human minds are not big enough, or sufficiently developed, to comprehend the pons assinorum of the geometrician or the Newtonian discoveries of the astronomer.

The same principle prevails about the Mystery of the Incarnation, as well as all the other mysteries of religion. Human minds are not big enough to hold those infinite truths which only God can comprehend. The love of God for man, which was so wondrously exemplified in the Mystery of the Incarnation, is so infinite that finite minds can not grasp it.

On Christmas Day, there lies in the manger an Infinite God, Whose power spangled the firmament with millions of stars! There He lies, bereft of all the majesty of His Divinity! He chose to become like us in all things to save sinners. He is the humblest of the humble. He is the neediest of the needy. He is dressed only in the swaddling clothes of poverty, to prove thereby how sincere He is in His love for all of us.

The only mysterious thing about the Mystery of the Incarnation is that men and women who know these truths, even as you and I, possess so little intelligence — and such ingratitude — as to turn their backs upon God, as we attempt to live our lives as if He had never been born.

Neither the Scientific mind of a Darwin, nor the skilled brain of a Mayo can explain how Mary Immaculate conceived the Infant Jesus, through the power and operation of the Holy Ghost, and not through the ordinary agency of her human husband. Both of these are part of the Mystery of the Incarnation the former often times referred to as a theological mystery and the latter as a physiological mystery.

No human being understands how a Virgin Mother gave birth to Jesus Christ freed from the ordinary travail experienced by every other human mother. That is a biological mystery which no surgeon has yet explained. Above all, no human being will ever understand how Jesus Christ possessed a full human nature and a full divine nature and yet was conceived and born as one person. That is a divine mystery.

One day St. Augustine was walking by the seashore, his powerful intellect striving to fathom the Mystery of the Incarnation. The more he thought about it, the more he was baffled. Suddenly his attention was attracted to a little child, who having dug a hole in the sand, was busy carrying pails of water and emptying them into the hole. St. Augustine asked what he was doing, to which the child answered,

"I am going to empty the sea into this hole."

Good naturedly, St. Augustine advised the child that he was attempting an impossible task.

St. Augustine informs us that the child replied, "It is just as easy for me to pour the sea into this hole as it is for you to understand the Mystery of the Incarnation."

EYES *and* EARS

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provision for re-establishing, without delay, the relief status of the workers who are dismissed.

"It is bad enough to start personnel cuts the week before Christmas, but when dismissal carries with it the public announcement that one is incompetent or insane it becomes inhuman and anti-social."

These words, over-heated by the jolting promptness of the liquidation of WPA following November 3, are, after all, understandable. These writers stand to lose their meager income, to be branded either crazy or useless. A selfish motive may be read into such letters of protest.

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There is, however, an impersonal way of looking at this matter which is being discussed so generally today. Dismissals of tens of thousands of WPA workers have an economic side, entirely distinct from their aspect as politics or policy.

Many people were opposed to the entire relief program, honestly and with carefully considered conviction. They were the ones who habitually think beyond today and tomorrow.

At the same time, these people know that when the WPA was put in operation, it became a definite force in the process of recovery—that is the distribution of purchasing power to stimulate buying and thereby to accelerate production and employment.

What will be the effect of the abrupt curtailment of this fundamental drive-shaft of returning prosperity?

Here is one phase of the problem: The Bureau of Labor Statistics of the United States Department of Labor recently announced the results of an intensive study into the effects of WPA on the nation's industrial picture.

Most significant in that study was the positively accurate computation of the effect of WPA on industrial employment. The government experts declare that for every man put to work on a public project, 2½ men were put to work in private industry—and, of course, invariably at a much higher wage.

Will the sudden dismissal of hundreds of thousands of WPA workers throw out of employment approximately 2½ times as many men now privately employed in the production of materials and supplies used for government projects?

Or did the moment (scientifically determined) when the country could "carry itself," as well as its 8 to 10 million unemployed, miraculously arrive just three weeks after November 3?

An Editorial by Father Coughlin

"Bethlehem"

THE WORD, "Bethlehem", means "the house of bread". It was most fitting that, in His Divine wisdom, Christ chose a village by such a name for His birthplace because it was He Who was the bread which came down from Heaven, and it is His principles which alone can give bread to the hungry mouths of the teeming masses.

Of old, the Hebrews used the word, "bread", to signify the necessities and prime conveniences of life. In one sense, it was a synonym for security, for shelter and raiment and all other things appertaining to a decent rational livelihood.

Mankind has been perpetually struggling to obtain bread. For many thousands of years this struggle was carried on against nature's elements, the philosophy of ignorance and of unintelligent principles. As a result, both the bread which sustained the body, and the bread of truth and of liberty which sustained the mind and soul, were almost unavailable.

Christmas Day marks the turning point in the history of mankind because it is the birthday of Him Who came into the world to give us, among other things, the bread of truth and the bread of life, both natural and supernatural. No wonder He characterized Himself in later days by the description, **"I am the Bread of Life"**. His teachings differ from those of the Caesars and the Pharoahs in whose far-flung empires poverty and slavery and barbarism prevailed. His was a gospel of plenitude, of brotherly love, of liberty and of physical security. Above all, it was a gospel of seeking first the Kingdom of God and His justice, whereby all other things would follow.

It is well, therefore, for the neopagans of modern times to meditate upon the fact that no philosopher, for the hundreds of thousands of years preceding Christ, had preached universal brotherhood. Paganism is identified with slavery. It is well for the materialists of this present era to excogitate upon the fact that science had remained dormant until the Christian era was brightened by the Star of Bethlehem.

How senseless and un-historical it is for men to endeavor to get along without Christ after the sad experience of the hundreds of centuries preceding Christ. Nevertheless, for nineteen centuries millions of well-informed men have endeavored to work out the problems of civilization without consulting the practical lessons enunciated by Him Whose birth we celebrate this week. They do not ask themselves why paganism, during its long reign, failed to educate men better than it did. They fail to appreciate that paganism had its chance and proved that it was a failure.

As the entire world is now searching for bread, for security and for an economic system through the medium of which these will be obtained, undoubtedly it will be well for us to say as the shepherds of old: **"Transeamus ad Bethlehem"---"Let us go over to Bethlehem"**, for from Bethlehem alone, and the principles which were born there, spring security of mind, peace of soul and sustenance and health for the body.

Therefore, I make no apology in asking you who read these lines to rededicate your lives as followers of the only Savior, whom the political and economic world too long ignored. If you are Catholic, receive the Bread of Life, which in Itself contains all things delightful. If you are Protestant, divest yourself of the false principles of the pagan world which surrounds you, and which unconsciously both you and I have too often adopted.

All of us who are seeking bread and security, peace and happiness, can find them only in the heart and on the lips of the Infant Jesus. When the angels from Heaven announced the birth of our Savior in the "City of Bread", they sang the words, **"Glory to God in the highest, and on earth peace to men of good will"**. This song was more than poetry, as the world so often regards it. It expressed a deep philosophic truth, insofar as peace can come only to men who possess good will.

Erroneously, hackneyed writers and journalists, together with those who have mistranslated the original scriptures, have expressed these angelic words: **"Glory to God in the highest and on earth peace and good will to men"**.

I emphasize the correct translation of the original by repeating that **"peace to men of good will"** is the essence of the angelic announcement.

Good will is the essential prime element for the obtaining of peace. Good will cannot exist among men unless they determine to love God with their whole hearts and their fellow men as themselves for the love of God. Good will must begin at the Bethlehem of Life and end at its Calvary. It must be marked by putting into practice the principles of Christ and cease regarding them as academic theories.

Individual parliaments and congresses, presidents and dictators are impediments to the pursuit of peace unless the civilization which they represent will recognize the falsity of the past and will publicly adopt the spirit of the first Christmas celebrated at Bethlehem, "the house of bread".

The Echo Weighs Value of Fr. Coughlin's Work

The Echo of Buffalo, N. Y., has been one of the most consistent friends of Father Coughlin and social justice in all America. It is almost incredible, therefore, to discover that certain excitable persons have cancelled subscriptions to that paper under the impression that it was "attacking Father Coughlin."

This must be blamed, first of all, to the complex which the daily newspapers have most thoughtlessly created in the minds of their reading public. Father Coughlin may never have been all that his most ardent enthusiasts claimed for him; but certainly he was never the "demagogue, agitator, traitor, Ku Kluxer," etc., etc that the daily newspapers and their estimable press services made him out to be. What other result could they expect in the minds of the general public than reversion to the slogan of "yellow journalism" days that: **"You can't believe anything you see in print!"**

SOCIAL JUSTICE regrets extremely that any reader should have included **The Echo** of Buffalo in this category. Almost every edition of this paper has included some quotation from **The Echo.** Indeed, it has been called to our attention that we were quoting certain Catholic papers too often. SOCIAL JUSTICE'S answer is that it was quoting the subject matter of these items rather than their source.

If some publications praise Father Coughlin and advocate social justice more than others, more praise to them—and more quotes!

SOCIAL JUSTICE again quotes with pleasure the following paragraphs by Charles A. Zenkert in the November 19th issue of **The Echo** of Buffalo, N. Y.:

"One need not await the verdict of future historians to properly appraise Father Coughlin's contributions to the cause of social justice. Within the past year developments have taken place in the hazy light of which his true image has become distorted.

"Father Coughlin has succeeded in arousing the social conscience of the nation as none of his contemporaries has done. He spreads Christian social enlightenment on an unprecedented scale. His indirect influence on the course of social legislation can not be estimated at this time, for it is still to be reckoned with in the future, even though he should retire altogether from the scene of action. For all this Father Coughlin will go down in history, for therein has lain his greatest achievement up to date.

"Father Coughlin complains of the opposition of the clergy and well-to-do laity of his own Church. There were, indeed, some conspicuous examples of such opposition, but as for the clergy in general his allegation is not so well founded. Reluctance to endorse his each and every word and deed can hardly be construed as opposition.

"Some of his more enthusiastic supporters, though, do seem to take this attitude; thus, The Echo has received several cancellations of subscriptions because it is supposed to have been attacking Father Coughlin, the fact being that The Echo has been one of the few Catholic papers that have judiciously supported him.

"Father Coughlin is now taking a much-needed and well-earned rest, but a future of great service still lies before him. The detour along the rough road of politics is behind him and before him stretches the broad highway of social progress, upon which he can resume his course. It is to be hoped that out of the experiences of the past six months or more there will emerge a more prudent and impersonal but nonetheless effective and aggressive Father Coughlin and that ere long the radio will again carry his voice and message."

Take a Child Into Your Home For a Real Merry Christmas

One of the very nicest ways to spend Christmas is to adopt a child for the day. If you have no child of your own, it will bring you joy and a warm feeling of gladness to see the little stranger's shyness melt away and the eyes begin to shine with happiness. It will renew your own childhood and the enjoyment you used to experience in the Christmas season.

If you live alone, you will be astonished that a youngster can bring so much cheer into your life and you will be tempted to make the arrangement permanent. Life will have more meaning and you will have no time for introspection and self-absorption. Loneliness will be dissipated and your holiday will be a gay and happy one.

Joy Is Infectious

If you have children of your own, they will be delighted to have a new playmate and the experience of sharing their home and parents with another will teach them thoughtfulness and consideration of others. To see a child, less fortunate than they, absorbing gratefully what they have always taken for granted as their natural right, will create a spirit of appreciation in their hearts that nothing less concrete could produce.

There is not a city, town or village that does not have an orphanage, or a county poor farm nearby. The children in these institutions are pathetically eager for a day in a real home and would regard it as a Christmas gift in itself. They are so hungry for a little affection that they will use any pretense for an excuse to touch you, to put their hands in yours and to sit close to you.

Country Day Real Treat

For those who live on farms, a day in the country, whether Christmas day or any other, is a little bit of heaven for a city-bred orphan. A big barn to explore, real cows to watch, chickens to feed and all the humdrum existence of life on a farm is a great adventure for the child who knows no home but an institution. It would give him something to think about and talk about for months to come.

Should you try this suggestion and you have no children of your own, take two youngsters, for one alone would be shy and lonely. With two, one gives the other courage and they are easily made to feel at home, with someone familiar in the house.

You will be surprised to find that the children are not the only ones to benefit from such an experience. Every member of your household will try to outdo the others in thoughtfulness and consideration. They will completely forget themselves and their own personal grievances and disappointments and the real meaning of the Christ Child's birth will be brought home to them in unforgettable fashion.

They're All Island Americans

—Brown Photo.

This intimate study of an American free kindergarten in Hawaii shows an American teacher with her pupils, who include Hawaiians, Chinese, Filipinos and Hawaiian-Chinese. All kiddies born in the islands automatically become American citizens.

Russians Now Have Fiction of Rights Under Constitution

If recent reports may be fully credited, Russia, since the adoption of her new constitution, has been making a right-about-face. After liquidating the middle class—which is to say exterminating it—during the years immediately following the revolution, the workers are doing their utmost to climb into that now vacant stratum by attending the theater, purchasing books and fashionable clothes on a system that is quite the reverse of the installment plan. A bank account is opened and small payments made regularly until the required amount is accumulated, then the desired article may be purchased.

After years of ugly clothes, straight hair and shiny faces, Russian women are now permitted to beautify themselves with the aid of cosmetics, permanent waves, silk stockings and any other enhancement of feminine charm which they can afford to buy. Since they are required by law to work, each woman has her own income, but frequently it is so small and the actual needs so great that luxuries are possible only when there is a way of earning extra money, such as by writing or teaching.

With the ban on religion, wedding rings disappeared, but they are now sold openly in the government-owned stores of Moscow. Easy divorce is being frowned upon and family life encouraged—not, however, family life as we know it, for every member of a Russian family, except children and the physically disabled, must work for their living and the incomes are pooled for the maintenance of the family. Because there is no home-keeper, food is a problem and consumes by far the greater portion of the pooled income.

Possession of private property, another violation of communistic principles, is now permitted and workers are encouraged to own their own homes and automobiles, which are usually only acquired by winning them as premiums for extraordinary work. Of course, the problem of how to meet the cost of upkeep on these expensive possessions with meager wages such as even trained engineers receive for their services is no concern of the Soviet government.

Nation Must Take Steps for Safer Mother Care

Despite the protests of some doctors that it is not true, we, as a nation, are waking up to the fact that more of our mothers die each year in childbirth than in any other country of the world, and of these deaths about two-thirds could be prevented.

By far the majority of these deaths occur among the poor classes, where often a prospective mother has no medical attention and only an ignorant, unscientific midwife in attendance when she makes her journey through the Valley of the Shadow of Death. With no prenatal care and advice regarding diet, such births frequently result disastrously. Other births, which should have called for Caesarian operations, are permitted to take fateful toll.

While, theoretically, medical care has been made available to all, regardless of ability to pay, in reality the kind of medical service provided for the poor is scarcely comparable to the expensive pre-natal care a well-to-do woman receives. The free clinics are crowded and the woman of poverty shrinks from the ordeal of exposing herself to the mercies of crowded street cars—if, indeed, she can afford the luxury of carfare.

Many deaths occur, of course, as the result of illegal operations crudely performed. Blood poisoning is usually the cause of death in these cases, as well as in many of the apparently normal births which result fatally. This can nearly always be traced to carelessness or negligence on the part of the attending physician or midwife.

There are several movements under way to improve the conditions that make possible such a high mortality rate. One is the mobilization of the General Federation of Women's Clubs, which aims to co-operate with Surgeon General Thomas Parran in a nation-wide attempt to educate women in the necessary preparations for a safe and healthy motherhood.

But the mothers themselves must co-operate to make any of this work effective.

A Vanderbilt Calls American Girls Selfish

By the Woman's Editor

It seems to be impossible for men to write about women and remain consistent in their complaints and calumnies. "American girls are changing," is Cornelius Vanderbilt Jr.'s wail of woe, in the Liberty magazine. "They are getting jobs and buying their own cars and clothes and paying for their own amusements—and the boy friend's, too, if he is a sufficiently good fellow."

In the next breath, he says: "The American girl of 1937 has become the most selfish girl in the world." To prove this, he claims that girls nowadays let their heads rule their hearts and unless a man is well-heeled, he gets the "go-by", regardless of the romantic appeal he may have for her.

Vanderbilt Must Mean Rich Girls

The flaw in Mr. Vanderbilt's argument is that he regards the daughters of the rich as typical of womanhood. This is evident in the reasons he advances to support his statement. Girls who demand expensive night club entertainment, that keeps them from bed until dawn, aren't the ones whose livelihood depends upon their jobs. They can't afford to take the chance of being fired for the sake of a good time.

The girls who really work for a living are not free to disport themselves in the warm waters of Miami and Palm Beach, to stand around and pose in the gay Hollywood crowds, to slam a tennis ball around a Connecticut or Cape Cod court, to race expensive motor cars through the boulevards of Chicago, or even to frequent the "hot spots" of New York, except for an occasional celebration. It takes all their time and energy to keep themselves fit for the daily grind in the office, school room or store.

It is Not Worker Who Is Selfish

If self-support and independence have made the girl of today more level-headed and given her the courage to say "No" to any man with whom her common sense tells her marriage would be a mistake, I say more power to her. But, on the other hand, how many of your friends and mine are young married women who have kept their jobs because it was the only way marriage was possible?

How many young husbands do we know, fresh out of college, who have found only a laborer's job open to them and who have had to swallow their pride and be glad their wives could share the financial burden?

But Mr. Vanderbilt could hardly be expected to know such people, nor to understand that they far outnumber the class of girls he does know.

"Know Social Justice" Contest Starts Today!

Today marks the opening of the **"Know Social Justice"** Contest which will appear every week for the next 25 weeks. With its principal objective education in the social and economic tenets of Father Coughlin, this contest will prove a feature of much entertainment to readers during the next six months.

The first two picture-questions confront readers on Page 2 of SOCIAL JUSTICE today. They will be found easy of solution for any person who has followed Father Coughlin on the air and through the columns of this weekly news review. The entire contest will not be difficult to any man or woman, boy or girl, who will become fairly familiar with the nature of Father Coughlin's program.

With a Grand Prize of $2,500, and 367 other awards, there is no question that the "Know Social Justice" contest will prove one of the most interesting features ever put before any readers.

A Man, or a Nation, in Debt Is Not Free

SOCIAL JUSTICE prints, with permission, another radio address on "Youth and the Nation," delivered over radio station WSPD, Toledo, Ohio. The series of radio addresses, sponsored by Philip Johnson and Alan Blackburn, are heard each Sunday at 1 p. m.

Ladies and Gentlemen: "Righteous anger becomes permissible, and patience can cease to be a virtue."

Those words are not mine, but are the words of one of our listeners who wrote to us last week.

As he wrote those words he was thinking of his job. As he wrote those words he was thinking, as I am now, of the jobs that American citizens work at for $12 a week that American citizens try to live on.

If you have to take the rent out of $12 a week, how much food can you buy? And if you have to take rent and clothes out of $12 a week, then how much food can you buy? If you want a roof over your head, you'll have to eat less.

If you are going to have enough to eat, if you are going to have a roof over your head, if you are going to have an overcoat for winter, you will swallow your pride and ask for help.

If you have a mother and father, you can go and live with them. They will be glad to help you if they can. But you will be dependent on them; when you wanted so much to succeed on your own.

Or, can you have a wife on $12 a week? Yes, you can get married but you will go on living with your father and mother, or your father-in-law and mother-in-law.

Making Ends Meet Is Serious Problem

But if you don't like the idea of living with your parents, then your wife will have to find a job; when your idea had always been that your wife would not have to work. You will have to swallow your pride.

You and your wife can get along somehow on twice $12 a week, but can you have children and a fireside?

You and your wife can get along somehow, but by giving up the idea of having a home, by giving up the idea of having a family.

You will get along somehow until you have to buy a suit, or until you have to call in a doctor. Then you will have to ask for help again.

The man who has a job at $12 a week is little better off than the man who has no job at all.

For every million out of work there are two million men at work who also suffer. There are 80 million people in the United States—two-thirds of our entire population—who have not enough to eat, not enough to wear, not a decent home to live in. Two out of every three men, women and children, in my town and in your town, in every city and village in this country, two out of every three do not have the plenty which every man in America could have.

These are the millions who try to live on $12 a week. Some get $6 or $7 a week, and there are some who get $25 a week; $25 a week for the six weeks they are at work in the factory and nothing a week for the six weeks the factory lays them off. There is the farmer with his $400 a year. And there is the man in business for himself; the barber, the store-keeper, the man who runs a garage. But whether they get their money in a pay envelope, or by check for some hogs sent to market, or in the nickels and dimes rung up on a second-hand cash register, it all works out to around $12 a week!

These are the millions who live in "want in the midst of plenty." They live where there are plenty of doctors, but cannot afford to go and see a doctor.

Millions Forced Into Debt

These men live in a somber prison of debt just as real and just as hopeless as the debtor's prison of the past. The man in debt today has no more chance of working off his debt than the man who sat in idleness in the debtor's cell.

These millions of men went into debt in the first place because they worked at jobs that did not pay them enough money to buy the things they had to have. How can these men be expected to pay off their debts if they go on working at jobs that put them into debt in the first place? They would have to get jobs that would pay them more money. But where will they find those jobs today?

Eighty million people in our country do not have enough money to buy the things they have to have! These millions did not go into debt in order to live the life of Reilly. They went into debt because they wanted to live like civilized American citizens. They went into debt to have a home and the pleasant things that belong to a home.

Can an American be proud of his country, the richest nation on earth, when two-thirds of all the people in his country have to go into debt to buy the things they need?

We Americans call ourselves free. Yes, we are free of the tyranny of George III, thanks to our forefathers. Yes, we Americans are free of slavery, thanks to the patriots who fought the Civil War.

But we are not free of debt. You and I are not free if we have so many debts that we cannot buy a suit of clothes, go to the dentist or get the things the children need. A man in debt is not a free man.

Borrower Does Not Choose Debt

Men do not go into debt of their own free will. Men do not want to be in debt. They are not proud of owing money. But I ask any sententious, self-righteous, self-appointed advice-giver, who preaches to the man in debt, I ask him what he does when he hasn't any money. If he falls deathly ill, does he not call a doctor? If his feet are bare, does he not buy shoes? If his children are hungry, does he not buy them food? What does a man do when he is up against it, without a dime in his pocket? He borrows.

What does a man do when his family needs food and clothing? He borrows.

The man who borrows money to buy the things he has to have is not guilty of any crime. The crime is that Americans are forced to borrow. The crime is committed when a nation of free men is allowed to become a nation of debtors.

Let those who fatten on the debts of their fellow men ask themselves if this is what they mean by prosperity. Let those who make a business of this kind of debts ask themselves if this is a Christian business.

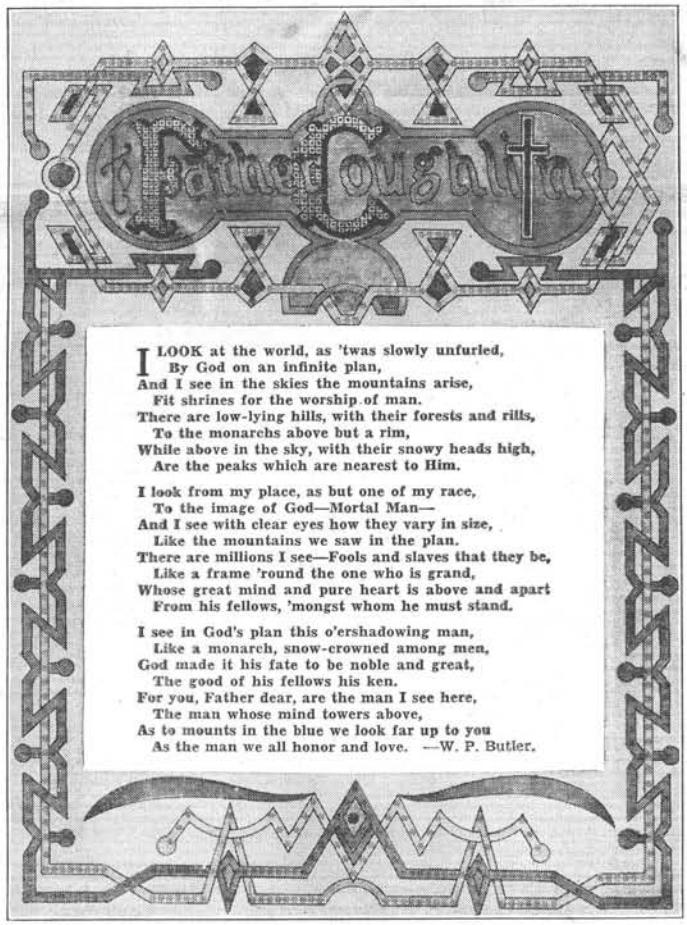
A nation built on debt can never be great. Men who are in debt cannot build up a nation. The man who cannot free himself from debt, work hard as he will, the man who works and sinks still deeper in debt, is not free to work for the future of his country.

Nations are built by free men, not by slaves. We want to build, not to borrow. We want a nation concerned about its future, not worried about its debts.

My friends, there is plenty for all in America. There is no need for want when there is plenty. There is no need for men to be idle when there is work for them to do. There is no need for men to live on $12 a week when they can have a living wage. There is no need for Americans to go into debt in order to have the things they ought to have.

The richness of this country entitles everyone who lives in it to have a home, debt-free; to have the comforts of a home, debt-free; to clothe himself and his family, debt-free; to own a radio and an automobile, debt-free; to live like an American citizen, debt-free.

This is the American future. This is the future Americans will have.


I LOOK at the world, as 'twas slowly unfurled,
By God on an infinite plan,
And I see in the skies the mountains arise,
Fit shrines for the worship of man.
There are low-lying hills, with their forests and rills,
To the monarchs above but a rim,
While above in the sky, with their snowy heads high,
Are the peaks which are nearest to Him.
I look from my place, as but one of my race,
To the image of God—Mortal Man—
And I see with clear eyes how they vary in size,
Like the mountains we saw in the plan.
There are millions I see—Fools and slaves that they be,
Like a frame 'round the one who is grand,
Whose great mind and pure heart is above and apart
From his fellows, 'mongst whom he must stand.
I see in God's plan this o'ershadowing man,
Like a monarch, snow-crowned among men,
God made it his fate to be noble and great,
The good of his fellows his ken.
For you, Father dear, are the man I see here,
The man whose mind towers above,
As to mounts in the blue we look far up to you
As the man we all honor and love. —W. P. Butler.

Lack of Experience Bar to Job, She Went After It

How can any young person, no matter how skilled in the work he has learned to do, get his first position if met continually with the barrier "lack of experience"? asks a writer in the Christian Science Monitor, who recounts the experience of one determined young woman who "created" her own experience.

Grumbling and low mutterings were heard as many left the employment office. But one young woman, holding her head high, walked determinedly on her way.

While buying a few groceries for supper that same night she had to wait while the grocer in the neighborhood store fumbled around with his accounts to find out how much a woman owed him who wanted to pay her bill. The man confessed that his books were much behind hand as he had so little time to get to them. And the girl, taking this all in, knew the store was not big enough to warrant the owner's having a paid bookeeper. What a chance for her! She would take her pay in experience.

When this was all explained to the surprised grocer, he understood that the girl would be doing him a greater favor by putting his books in good shape than he would be doing her by allowing her to get the one thing she needed to enable her to secure the job she wanted. The girl went to work.

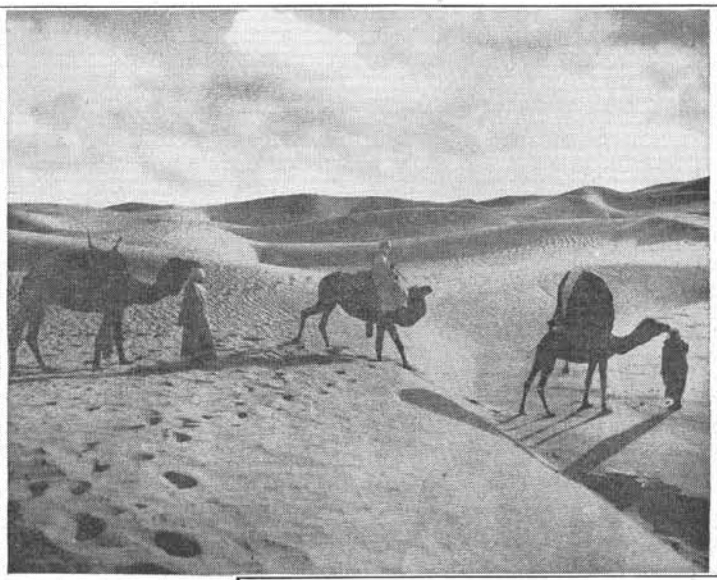
At the end of a few weeks the girl had brought about a great change in the merchant's affairs. He was full of praise for her work and he even offered her a small salary when she informed him she would have to quit. But she told him her objective was the job she had been refused for lack of any experience, and that all she desired in return for what she had done was a conscientious recommendation and statement of the work she had done for him.

Her next try was with a group of professional men who were without an office girl.

But still she decided to make one more connection before she faced the employment head of the big firm again. This time it was in a magazine office where she was anything from the one who opened mail to a typist.

When she again stood in that office where scores were again being told she must have experience she frankly told what she had done to gain her experience. When asked for corroboration of her statements she handed the man her references. This, the man recognized, was going after a position in a real way. Three different letters from men she had pleased, each with the highest praise for her work—work paid for only in experience—made the employment head recognize that he had before him ingenuity, courage and decision.

the very firm I was determined to work for and that had turned me down," she told the writer, "and now when I see many young people go down under the constantly recurring protest against their lack of experience, I remember those almost foodless days when I stuck to my free jobs that perhaps after all brought me more in real value than I will ever know."



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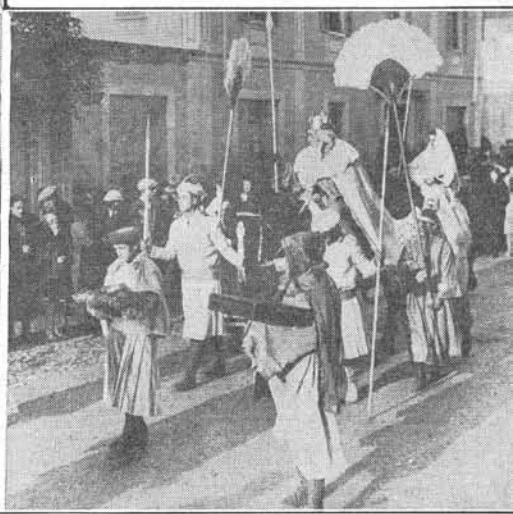
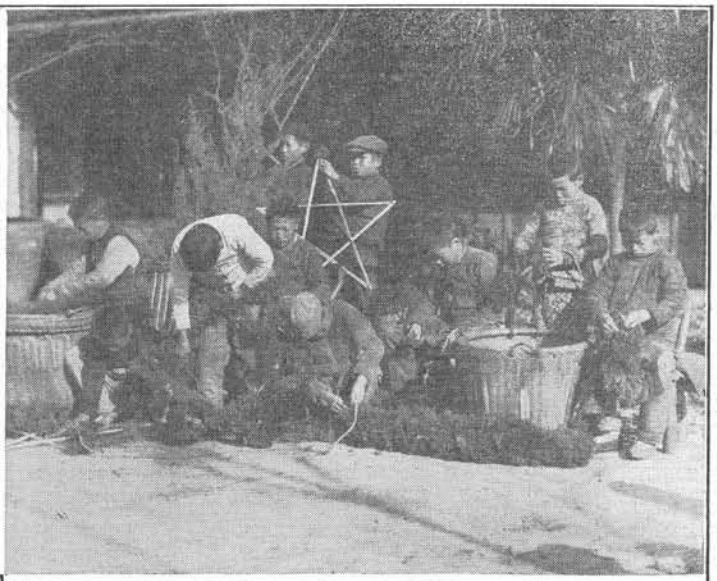
THE GREETING "A Merry Christmas" admits of only one interpretation. "Merry" is an ancient Anglo-Saxon word derived from the name of her whose virgin bosom was the immaculate throne of our Infant King.

Thus, it is more than mere sentiment which motivates me to wish you "A Merry Christmas". In truth, I wish you the same Christmas joy which was experienced by Mother Mary when her eyes first fell upon the beaming countenance of her Divine Son.

What happiness was hers when her lips touched those of the Infant Christ! What ecstasy was hers when her arms first folded His little body close to her breast! Every mother remembers the thrill of that wondrous moment. The Queen of all mothers knew it even in a more heavenly manner.



CHRISTMAS AROUND THE WORLD—In every Christian land the pageant of the Nativity and the joyous carols of Christmas commemorate once more our universal feast day. At the foot of the nation's Christmas tree in Gen. Grant park, California, a group sings carols. The same timeless desert over which Three Wise Men saw the star observes another Christmas eve. The "Three Kings and Shepherds" are enacted by children at Mezokovesd, Hungary (Wide World photo). **Children in the American mission school at Ningpo, China, make Christmas decora-**



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Thus if you can catch what I mean when I try to intimate Mary's joy on the first Christmas, then you will understand what I am endeavoring to convey to you by that blessed greeting when I wish you "A Merry Christmas".

I wish that you will keep this Christmas feeling in your heart every day of the year! I wish that its beauty and its love will perpetually light your humble home as the star lighted the cavern at Bethlehem! I wish that the angels' hymns will echo beneath its rafters all year long.

"A Merry Christmas" to Catholics and Protestants, to Jew and Gentile, as God's greatest gift to man becomes the Word made Flesh in our midst!

Charles Coughlin

tions. Left center, French shepherds at Les Boux bring lambs to midnight mass. Right, Christmas procession in modern Bethlehem. Polish lads in fancy costume serenade the villagers (Wide World). **Pageant of Three Kings in streets of Tortona, Italy** (Wide World). **There is no Christmas day in Russia, girl workers on the new Mossoviet Hotel will work as usual** (Wide World). **Austrian lads sing carols** (Wide World).

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King's Romance Is Seen as Part of Bankers' Plot

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cally preventing the young King or any of his champions —Winston Churchill, Lord Beaverbrook and Lord Rothmere—from "going to the people" over the heads of the ministry.

Furthermore, every word of the abdication stories that came to American newspapers from London had to pass official government censor before being sent out of England, to the boastedly free press of America.

Meanwhile, the young King has abdicated, "preferring love to a throne," as the newspapers have it. But they also recount his trip to Vienna for an exile's vacation — **as the guest of a banking Rothschild!**

The people of England lost more than a sympathetic King when Edward quit. Only history can uncover the story of how much they lost.

All of the scientific rules and formulae so highly perfected by the British propaganda machine have been employed to cover up this essential fact. Skilled propagandists use direct statements sparingly; they rely on the use of indirection, innuendo, and implication. A direct statement, when given, is uttered in such a way that the hearers will take it in, but neither reflect upon nor analyze it.

The marriage issue is only a surface pretext. The undertow is that **the international bankers desired to remove Edward because he did not see eye to eye with them and there was a high possibility of his refusing to listen to their dictates once he had been enthroned in power.** Limited as that power is now, he had the personal magnetism to increase it to alarming proportions.

Issue Forced to Oust King

First of all, we must bear in mind the underlying truth that since the death of Queen Victoria, the position of the British monarchy has undergone a subtle and almost imperceptible transformation. The people have become owners of the crown since Queen Victoria's day when she could haughtily reply to a Peel that "the people are my subjects. I rule my people."

In other words, the monarcy of Great Britain has become a nationalized commodity, an institution similar to the status of a public utility. It has been made responsive to public will in no small measure due to the high standards set by the late King George and Queen Mary.

Every fair-minded person asks himself: "Why was the so-called British crisis incurred now, five months before the King is even eligible to marry?" The real reason is that the international bankers, through their puppet, Prime Minister Baldwin, feared King Edward's potential power.

Baldwin, well aware of the King's immense popularity, had been secretly smarting over the recent manifestations of his young majesty's interest in the unemployed and in derelict areas of the kingdom, namely Wales. He felt by such visits the King was administering a public rebuff to the cabinet and placed the ministers in a callous and indolent light. This cut his British pride to the quick.

King Had Interest of Masses at Heart

When the King was visiting Cwmbran, Wales, recently, he was given a letter signed by representatives of the town which read:

"We regret that your tour has been planned in such a way that the terrible effects of poverty will be seen by your Majesty. This is a stricken valley—a valley blighted by the dead hand of poverty.

"Our men up to 25 years old have been denied a chance of ever getting a day's work. Our women grow prematurely old and many are broken in the unequal fight against the consequences of unending penury.

"The bodies of our children are stunted and frail because adequate nourishment cannot be obtained.

"Family life has been shattered by the cruel dole test. The poorest of the poor are now to be subjected by your government to another vicious attack . . . We would respectfully ask Your Majesty how a suffering people can believe the talk of prosperity? Will an impoverished people be able to joyfully celebrate Your Majesty's coronation?"

King Edward told the unemployed: **"Something must be done to find work for you and it will be!"**

Almost immediately when Edward returned, Baldwin precipitated the so-called "Constitutional crisis." It is logical to conclude that Baldwin forced the issue of the marriage now, hoping for abdication, because he knows the democratic spirit of the King and his great sympathy for the workers and unemployed. It looks as though the King may have told him in no uncertain terms that he must do something for the poor and this was repugnant to Baldwin, front man for the Rothschilds and other international bankers.

Labor Party Plays Politics

The position of the Labor Party is unique. One of its main duties is to see that the government acts after and not before its advice upon the matter has been submitted to Commons. This is theoretical, of course, just as in this country plans are made at the top and then steam-rollered through Congress. Strange to say, the so-called labor chiefs have lined up behind Baldwin. Why are they against a King who has shown himself sympathetic and anxious to help their constituents? Possibly, they hope against hope that the Labor Party will have a majority in parliament someday and, therefore, they do not want the supremacy of parliament to be lessened when they have the necessary number of votes to enact their program into law. Possibly, they fear giving too much power to the King despite his sympathetic tendencies. **Possibly, a deal has been made between the party leaders and Baldwin.** It has been known that some pseudo leaders of the people, and especially labor leaders, have a definite price and do not hesitate to sell the struggling masses down the well-known river at the same time, believing they are doing a service to their country.

Baldwin hoped by bringing up the matter and forcing a decision on the King's proposed marriage that he could break the King's personal power by dividing the kingdom. The first axiom to any breakdown of strength is division. He well knew that the King would be too powerful next May with coronation fever at full pitch to try such a move.

Seek to Divide King's Following

Therefore, before the King could concentrate his forces and direct his power, Baldwin forces out the news of the marriage to attain the hoped-for abdication. Baldwin and the international bankers fear the King and his possibility of forming a King's party, something unknown in the last hundred years. As it is, England is part of a constitutional monarchy. The King is subject to the government (Baldwin's cabinet) in some measure. The government, in turn, is subject to parliament. Only a general British election can overrule the parliament. If a general election decided against the cabinet and for the King, then the King would become master of the constitution.

The people, despite the bankers' opinion that "they are all too dumb to know what it is all about," recognize want in the midst of plenty. They know with production machinery geared to present actual needs, there would be no withering hand of poverty. The money racket, the periodic contraction and expansion of credit, the shortage of purchasing power, these things the people are awakening to.

They are restless for a ruler to lead them from economic bondage. If Edward VIII had been able to direct his stubborn will toward this end, he could have counted on the masses rallying to him despite all the shams of propaganda and all efforts to discredit him and, what is more, he would have been a King to be remembered.

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A greeting card announcing the subscription to begin the first of 1937, with the name of the person by whom it was given, will be sent to each person who is to receive a gift subscription.

Social Justice Subscription Kind Yule Gift for Friend

Those readers who have followed SOCIAL JUSTICE since its infancy, a brief year ago, have shared with its producers the victories of its progress, and it goes without saying that you will want to keep your file complete. Regretfully, we have been compelled, from time to time, to inform inquirers that an occasional desired number is out of print.

No copy of SOCIAL JUSTICE ever gets "out of date." Except, perhaps, for the week-to-week developments during the recent campaign, the producers of Father Coughlin's weekly news review have not recorded events so much as their meanings. We have sought to make it an interpretative journal, rather than a mere news chronicle. We have sought to find and tell the "story behind the story"—the WHY of the news, rather than what just happened, as is the province of the daily newspaper.

SOCIAL JUSTICE has grown into its present circulation despite every handicap. **A slowing up of cancellations, and increased orders from distributors of the paper** in various parts of the country, assures the producers of SOCIAL JUSTICE that our efforts are recognized and appreciated.

"SOCIAL JUSTICE gets better with every edition," scores of letters tell us. We knew it, of course, but are glad to learn that readers did notice it, too. Contributions negotiated for over the year-end insure a continuation of this improvement stride.

In order that readers may share their satisfaction and benefit with someone whom they would especially like to remember at Christmas time, we are printing herewith a holiday gift order form. An attractive greeting, informing the recipient of your gift to him, will be sent to each person listed by you on the accompanying coupon.

You are also reminded that your own subscription renewal may be conveniently taken care of at the same time.

You will not want to miss a single issue of the forthcoming editions of SOCIAL JUSTICE.

Arbitration Saves Money, Good Will

The "Dusty Feet" courts which administered immediate justice at English county fairs 300 years ago are being invoked in hundreds of cities throughout the United States today. The name has become more aesthetic—"arbitration."

In the last 10 years arbitration has advanced rapidly in the United States, offering a clear, inexpensive, shortcut to civil justice for individuals who wish to use it, writes Marjorie Shuler in the Christian Science Monitor.

Arbitration, the writer adds, has saved money in litigation expenses to industry, the consumer, and the taxpayer. **But many will praise it more for its preservation of good will.**

Resort to litigation implies that those involved want to obtain the maximum of rights with public vindication. In arbitration there is a waiving of these technicalities and rules of law for purposes of privacy, speed, and amicable adjustment in order that the controversy may be heard and determined by impartial persons mutually agreed upon.

In conciliation there is an effort to extract from the controversy the ill will and bitterness so often existing in disputes, which is one reason why disputants in arbitration often continue to maintain friendly relations, and business orders are given and accepted while the litigation actually is in progress.

Time, Money Saver

Real arbitration, therefore, is not a compromise in which each side is persuaded to make concessions until an agreement can be reached, but an adjudication by those whose decisions the parties have agreed in advance to accept, decisions which it is the tendency of the courts to uphold.

Many small damage and accident suits come to arbitration. In the courts piece workers in factories must leave their places of employment and sit for hours waiting to be called, with perhaps frequent dismissals until they have lost in their potential earnings an amount in excess of the damages claimed.

The privacy of the arbitration court is another point in its favor. Reporters are barred.

Still another advantage of arbitration is its comparative cheapness. The arbitrator himself may be an important lawyer who would charge a client $1,000 for the few hours he cheerfully gives to hearing and deciding upon the case. Arbitration really is the poor man's relief since proceedings are conducted at a scheduled cost to each party of less than 1 per cent of the amount involved in the claim. Everyone knows in advance just what he must pay, and no unexpected "extras" will pop up.

Big Issues Settled

But the court is not only the resort of the poor. Cases involving millions have been heard. Five leading New York City business men recently gave their time as arbitrators in a case involving $2,000,000 which was settled at a cost to each party of $950, including the stenographic transcripts of the testimony.

Arbitration is a flexible procedure. Disputants in widely separate areas may avoid heavy costs for transportation and hotel accommodation by setting up a convenient city and a convenient time for all involved, with an adjustment effected between breakfast and luncheon.

Thirty of the largest insurance companies in the United States accept arbitration and more than 3,000 of their cases have been heard in the last three years, releasing quickly large sums of reserves which other wise would have been held for long periods awaiting the outcome of protracted litigation.

The American Arbitration Association has been instrumental in establishing reciprocal relations between London and the United States and in setting up an Inter-American Arbitration Commission with branches throughout the hemisphere.

It is in the international field that commercial arbitration offers its greatest promise to human beings, for if it can succeed there, in time the world may become sufficiently "arbitration-minded" to abandon war and to seek real peace in the only way in which it can be found—by the employment of the methods of peace.

CARTOONS OF THE WEEK

—From the Milwaukee Journal.

"They Both Picket My Place!"

—Herblock in Fargo Forum.

Powers Agree on "Humanized" Submarine Warfare

—From Christian Science Monitor.

Still a Useful Form of Social Security

—From the Brewery Worker.

"We're giving you a dollar raise, but don't let success go to your head."

Sunday Visitor's Vote of Thanks

"Without reservation, we desire to go publicly on record with the statement that Father Coughlin deserves a sincere vote of thanks from the American people for his efforts in the cause of social justice.

"The seed that Father Coughlin has so opportunely sown, the instruction he has so ably given, the interest he has so warmly aroused on public questions affecting the welfare of millions, has fallen on good ground, and in time will bear abundant fruit."

Maybe They're All on the Payroll

From January Plain Talk Magazine:

"The so-called Catholic Laymen's League certainly stretches one's imagination when it accuses Father Coughlin of trying "to disrupt the Catholic Church" by indulging in some plain talk toward President Roosevelt. This is almost as funny as charging him with belonging to the Ku Klux Klan, which they did in a telegram sent out from New York FOR PUBLICITY PURPOSES October 22nd.

"Jim Farley said he had forgiven all those who took pot shots at the Democratic organization during the campaign. Evidently this 'Catholic Laymen's League,' if it is really a Catholic League and not a subsidiary of the Democratic National Committee, did not read Farley's remarks in their favorite newspaper.

"Monsignor John A. Ryan, ex-rector of Catholic University, who was one of the radio priest's political traducers during the recent campaign, admitted that he had been on the Administration payroll. This, of course, explains a whole lot, and few blame him for attacking Father Coughlin, although still fewer could believe what he said under those circumstances."

Brideport Life Records a Victory

"No sooner had Mr. Roosevelt swept the country than his most formidable foes came forward and offered to do the dusting. The duPonts threw in a daughter to the Roosevelt family with a dowry big enough to sink Astor's yacht. Mr. Hearst ups and offers Mr. Roosevelt's daughter a good-paying job on one of his Pacific coast papers and then throws in a job for Mr. Roosevelt's son-in-law.

"If this sort of thing keeps on, we may yet hear that Al Smith engages a Roosevelt as general manager of the Empire State building, that Father Coughlin engages Eleanor Roosevelt as editor of the woman's page of Social Justice, and J. Pierpont Morgan takes Franklin D. on his yacht Corsair for a fishing trip.

"It is plain to be seen that from now on the life of the Roosevelts will be just a bed of roses with never a fret or a frown. The rich and the poor will fall to the ground and kiss the hems of his pants' legs. They will strew palm leaves before him and grease his palms behind him. Fatted calves will be killed to fete him. If someone will give him a saxophone for Christmas he can imitate Nero and toot while homes burn."

L'Osservatore Romano Praises Father Coughlin

From The Christian Family, Island Creek, Mass.:

"Q. Why is it that so many Catholics, and especially the clergy, oppose Father Coughlin, or at least do not co-operate with him as much as non-Catholics?

"A. That is something of a mystery. I do not think it is jealousy, as some say, or malice. Many priests are wholeheartedly in favor of his 16 principles, and their number is increasing daily. It is not necessary that one should agree with every word said by Father Coughlin, or like all his methods, but it should be plain to all by this time that his program is **essentially sound and deserves the active support of all.**

"In the face of tremendous obstacles and the united opposition of the secular press, the bankers, and the barons of finance, who are the same small minority that, according to Pope Pius XI, control the credit and thus the life of nations, and who do not want to give up their control no matter what happens to the masses, Father Coughlin has achieved astonishing success. **Perhaps the fact that the semiofficial organ of the Vatican has praised Father Coughlin will cause many Catholics, priests and laity, to change their minds.** The following is a quotation from Osservatore Romano, which ought to set at rest any lingering doubts which some may have entertained about the standing of Father Coughlin with the highest authority of the Church:

" 'There is a profound resentment in America against the egoism of those who seek only their immediate interests, and try to evade any possible regulation of their activities. . . . The vested interests of every kind, both capital and labor, and the claims made by professors of political economy that the existing economic-financial system has the character of an inviolable natural law; these things are an obstacle to lasting reconstruction in America. Without a previous examination of conscience—without a denunciation of the vices and vanities, the greed and self-seeking of so many—there can be no assurance of that spiritual atmosphere so necessary for every reform of institutions and things.

" 'No wonder, then, that in the forefront of the campaign for reform there is to be found a Catholic priest, Father Coughlin, who by his eloquence inspires and moves an immense number of followers, and keeps the politicians on their guard.' "

New York Sun Has a Reaction

It is a cock-eyed world: India, after centuries, has ended the ban on "untouchables." Mussolini has abolished the courts, a Baltimore lady is talked of as Queen Wally of England, Hitler has suddenly decided to make Old Man River strictly Aryan, and a Roosevelt will marry into the duPont family. It wouldn't surprise us any minute now to hear that John Lewis has taken a grouse hunting lodge with J. P. Morgan, that one of Al Smith's kiddies has fallen in love with somebody in the Tugwell family, and that Father Coughlin has become a pantomime actor.

The People Speak . . . .

Foresees New Day of Love and Justice

To the Editor:

We know and every reader of SOCIAL JUSTICE knows that Father Coughlin has done more to tear down the bigotry that existed between different creeds than any other man living. He has done a wonderful work and the seed of understanding that he sowed will continue to grow until there will be a complete understanding of brotherly love.

Every reformer from the time of Christ to the present day was persecuted. Every progressive who fought for the laboring man has been condemned.

In the midst of the smoke screens, the mists, lies and deceit there shines a bright light that is showing the way and America will emerge from all these foul play tactics and become again the greatest nation in the world. America is the promised land and it will never allow a dictator and never loose its freedom of religion, its public schools or its freedom of speech.

Such men as Father Coughlin, Lundeen, Frazier, Lemke and many other leaders will bring back to the people **faith and good will and in this land of plenty every man who is willing to work will get the fruits of his labor.**

"Truth crushed to earth will arise again."

We have some great men in our land of the free and the cause of Communism will melt away as the snow in the spring and we will come out into the light a happy and contented people.

—A. E. Button.

Aldrich, Minn.

Best Paper in Any Country

To the Editor:

Congratulations on the excellence of the news in SOCIAL JUSTICE, which makes it easily the best paper in any country that I know of.

The news about Denmark was particularly interesting.

—James P. Fitzgerald.

Albany, N. Y.

Praises Paper's Ideals, Motives

To the Editor:

I must express my appreciation to you for the very instructive and educational matter which has filled the pages of SOCIAL JUSTICE and the fine idealistic motives and goals which have prompted its publication.

—Earl C. Weldon.

Ottumwa, Iowa

Hopefully Waiting in Kentucky's Hills

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am a school girl, age 14, in the 6th reader. I am afraid I will be denied an education as we will have to live within our income.

I have read SOCIAL JUSTICE and your book **"Money: Questions and Answers"** and I surely did enjoy your book as well as your weekly paper.

When you delivered your farewell address, Saturday night, November 7, when your last words were uttered over the air "God bless you!" there was complete silence in our home, in the mountains of eastern Kentucky. We fully realize the star of our hope had faded from the ethereal waves of the heavens.

I hope you will continue to take your place on the air, for I firmly believe there is no one to fill your place. Jesus Christ was betrayed for 30 pieces of silver, now He rests on the right hand of His eternal Father.

—Iseline Jones.

Sideway, Ky.

Ohio Study Club Will Carry On

To the Editor:

After the last official act of our National Union unit's meeting was concluded, the solid members there convened, as free individuals, held that since they were so greatly enlightened and so liberally educated on the principles of Christian social justice, they determined to carry on as a study club to discuss and act upon the important issues of the day.

We have the heart and the will to love each other, to learn from each other and to stand by each other, for we, too, believe that "God Wills It."

Therefore while awaiting the resumption of the National Union for Social Justice, in the name of democracy whose price is eternal vigilance, we challenge the losers of peace, justice and liberty to organize as we have done for the protection and preservation of all that the real American holds dear.

—O. A. Kaminsky.

Cleveland, Ohio

It's the Best Way We Know About

To the Editor:

As a subscriber to SOCIAL JUSTICE since its first issue, it has been my constant wish that I could place it in every home.

That wish is stronger than ever today.

I am an unemployed widow (one of the forgotten women) and as I am alone without family, either children or relatives.

In spite of all obstacles, I would like to see SOCIAL JUSTICE in every home and if the field here is not covered I will try to interest newsboys if you have no better suggestion.

Mrs. M. C. Daniel.

Ogdensburg, N. Y.

Farmer Being Sold Down River

To the Editor:

I am writing you, to let you know that I am still with you. I must liken you to Jesus and His followers: They slept, while He prayed in the garden.

I am inclined to believe that the people that forgot you will be crawling to you on their hands and knees pleading for help.

I trust that you will continue to publish SOCIAL JUSTICE that we may continue to receive the truth. I wish that I was financially able to contribute to your support, but, I am a bankrupt farmer and may be evicted from my home in my old age. I am 68 and my good and faithful wife is 72 and we are in a fair way to be turned out to die.

Our National Corn Husking Contest was a good example of how easy it is to "humbug" the farmers. I attended the affair, as it was near our home and the people that conducted the affair were "racketeers" of the first water. Us farmers are being "Sold down the river" just as truly as any chattel slave was ever sold.

I know of a number of people that have farms, but they don't farm them. They bought them at some recent sheriff's sale, for about one-fourth of their real value. They are holding them for a raise, and renting them to some poor bankrupt farmer to keep in shape for them.

May God bless you and give you strength to carry on.

—Thos. S. Wright.

Lancaster, Ohio

Our Homes Miss Golden Voice

Father Coughlin:

May I express my deep appreciation for your brave struggle. Although you have been defeated you have conquered by uncovering the many misdoings of the men whom we have chosen to steer the ship of our United States.

Since I have done my part by keeping my pledge my mind is at ease. Although I was convalescing, I went from house to house pleading our cause and endeavoring to entice the people to assist in restoring prosperity and justice to this our desolate country.

We faithful few will ever remain loyal. Your golden voice was a pillar supporting our homes. Its absence has snatched from our abode that substantiating mainstay.

May God grant unto you the strength and courage necessary to perpetuate your cause and turn this disastrous defeat to a glorious victory.

—Mrs. Paul Burval.

Cleveland, Ohio

A Mother's Opinion Has Been Formed

To the Editor:

My mother, husband and I have been members since Father Coughlin first called the people of this nation together, so I feel that I have the right to fight for social justice. We have been faithful, and ever since the night Father Coughlin was in Philadelphia I showed my colors, I wore my button and came in for a lot of knocks and I fought a good fight.

I am the mother of five children and must work out to help raise them. My education is just ordinary but I read a lot and I have listened to Father Coughlin for so many years I have lost count. It was one of my telegrams that helped to keep this country out of the World Court and I worked hard to pay for that telegram.

I am not of Father Coughlin's faith, but I have a deep respect and love for the Mother Church of the world.

I was deeply disappointed and heart sick, but I have laid that all aside and have girded my loins for a new battle, and I am ready to fight again, and next time we will win and to Father Coughlin this: **They feted Jesus Christ, then they crucified Him, but He lives on.**

As soon as Father Coughlin gives the word, I shall start over again. This time we will build stronger, and this time will go on to victory. I hold no malice but I have formed an opinion.

—Mrs. Viola Line.

Stony Creek Mills, Pa.

Handicapped Mother Anxious to Earn Way

To the Editor:

I have enjoyed reading your weekly magazine very much. I'm grateful for them. I miss your inspiring Radio broadcasts.

While reading your November 16th edition of SOCIAL JUSTICE, I being an abandoned mother with two babies, ages 2 and 3, was interested in your article on ways to earn money at home.

I am poor and destitute, physically deformed and handicapped but I still have ambition and hope to become self-supporting and earn a living for me and my babies.

Mrs. V. G. Love.

New York City.

Young American Sees Clearly

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am a Senior in High School and I am going to speak for "Young America."

Having heard your speech to quit the radio and politics, I am asking you what, we "young Americans" are going to do? We were greatly informed and enlightened by your radio talks which were true and educating. **If someone does not guide us right, America will cease to exist.** Do not think us selfish, we only want what we are entitled to have, what is rightfully ours, what some people think does not belong to us.

It is evident that in a few years our country will be anything but a democracy. What we want is someone to tell us, to advise us how to escape this catastrophe. We want you, Father Coughlin.

I think that if you would be indirectly responsible for the organization of "young America" we could prevent being ruled by a dictator or a red government.

—Paul Rousher.

Homestead, Pa.

History Written by Internationalists

To the Editor:

The hidden pages of history, which were written with the blood of young America; yes, the blood that trickles through the golden points of the fountain pens of usury, record some of the most dastardly cases of trickery ever perpetrated upon any nation. The authors of these buried pages are the internationalists.

If only the American people would avail themselves of the opportunity to read some of the books that have been written by honest historians and economists, I dare say they would then be ready to fight for our economic liberty and freedom.

The diversion of money from its true function, as the medium of exchange of properties; to that of loaning and hoarding, has littered the cycles of history with the wrecks of nations and the dissipation of a suffering humanity.

This is the fruit of the insidious scheming by the merchandisers of misery — the international bankers and their hirelings and puppets—the paid press, crooked politicians and fake economists.

I beg you to read Father Coughlin's book, **"Money: Questions and Answers."**

Last but not least send your subscription for SOCIAL JUSTICE, **the paper that gives you the true and unadulterated facts.**

Then, write Father Coughlin a letter asking him to return to the air as a teacher.

—James A. Drury.

New Philadelphia, Ohio.

Principles Never Once Attacked!

To the Editor:

For the last nine years the people of this nation have listened to the sound philosophy of a great American. In all these years not one of the 130-million people of this country has ever attacked fairly, taken issue, or proved that his principles or philosophy were false or unsound.

Those that did castigate his person, were very careful to avoid attacking, or even mentioning his 16 principles, which represent the very foundation of his brilliant contribution to our national life. Those unwarranted and cowardly attacks, succeeded to the extent only in perverting the minds of the less enlightened, creating a false and unjust prejudice spirit, that made themselves foolish and ridiculous.

Is it possible that intelligence has slumped to the degree where greed and great power among those of the favored few, will continue to ignore the danger sure to follow continued impoverishment of our people, and which is now slowly but surely driving them into the poisoned ranks of Communism? Is not the terrible catastrophe now taking place in Spain sufficient to warn even our most selfish people that our nation is not immune or can we hope to check this impending danger until there is an equitable distribution of our material wealth, bringing to our poor a more abundant life and thus a prosperous and contented people?

Not only has Father Coughlin fought single-handed against the unscrupulous and selfish interest, but he has given to the great common classes, a clearer understanding how their welfare is methodically being subrogated to the will of the mighty. He has also set forth in clear undisputable principles the methods which will correct these evils.

When the common people fully realize and appreciate his charity and contribution to mankind, they will then perhaps pay homage to a truly great American, a distinction he justly deserves.

—A. M. Hickey.

Canton, Ohio

Reader Approves Book Reviews

To the Editor:

The idea of giving titles, authors and synopsis of timely and pertinent literature, as inaugurated in the November 23rd issue of SOCIAL JUSTICE, is splendid and I hope the idea will be continued indefinitely.

Last summer, I distributed among the members of a Speakers Bureau, which was holding a meeting at the National Union headquarters at 3 North Calvert street a list of good books with the hope that those present would avail themselves of the fine library, which we have in Baltimore and learn something different from what the newspaper reading public gets, in regard to the World War, Foreign Affairs, Europe, etc., in order to understand more clearly the point of view, based upon facts which Father Coughlin presents to us.

Hoping the book preview feature meets with instant and widespread interest and response, I am

—Mrs. Mary Meekins.

Baltimore, Md.

There Cannot Be More Able Leader

Dear Father Coughlin:

I am a Protestant and a 32nd Degree Mason, and I have followed you as my leader for the past seven years. I will continue to follow you for the rest of my life in an effort to assist you in putting into practice the 16 principles of social justice—principles which cannot honestly be challenged by a living person. Two years ago I signed a card pledging myself to support and to spread said principles among my fellow men, to the best of my ability I have carried out that pledge 100 per cent.

Father, well do I know how hard you have worked for the common people. I know how you have been criticized for telling the truth. I know that you have publicly announced that you were not important and I remember your remarks when you said that some more capable, more eloquent and more efficient leader will rise up to inspire and instruct us.

This must not be. You are important and there cannot be a more capable more eloquent and more efficient leader than yourself.

—George W. Gay.

Vernon, N. Y.

Farmers Denied Production Cost

Study Shows Steady Cash Income Drop

By Edward E. Kennedy

Former National Secretary, National Farmers' Union and Former Editor, "The National Union Farmer."

An analytical study of the income charts of agriculture for the last 12 years shows clearly that the farm problem remains unsolved in America and that fundamental remedies are not being applied.

The stark conclusions one must draw from such a study are:

(1) Agricultural decline, set going by the deflation of 1920, remains unchecked;

(2) Foreclosures, reduction in property values, stoppage of credit and general bankruptcy have enveloped the farm regions at a steadily increasing rate even to the present time.

(3) Artificial stimulants, such as AAA benefits, have failed to bring to fruition the paramount principle of successful farming—"Cost of production, plus a fair profit."

Average Income Falls

By dividing the last 12 years into three four-year periods and making comparisons, it is to be seen that the average annual cash income to farmers in 1929-1932 averaged about $2,866,400,000 less than the four-year period, 1925-28, and that in the period 1933-36 the farmers received $879-million less on an average each year than they did in the previous 4-year period.

Even the figures for the year 1936, which is the estimate made by the Department of Agriculture, show that farmers will have less "money income" this year than the average of the four years 1929-1932.

Become Wage Slaves

When farmers receive less than the cost of production for their products they are compelled to mortgage their farms. That is why there are mortgages against 62 per cent of the nation's farms.

When farmers continue to sell below the cost of production, the result is ultimate foreclosure. This destroys home ownership and makes wage slaves of the men and women — yes — and of their sons and daughters, who once were the custodian-owners of the food producing lands of this nation.

No remedy is a remedy for the farm problem, no plan is sound, and no relief is relief unless its objective is cost of production plus a fair profit.

Income Reports Mislead

Cost of production is not a theory—it is not necessarily a compilation of figures. It is a measurement and a yardstick of equality. It is a definition of the method of determining the necessary cash income that agriculture must receive in order to share equitably in the wealth produced by the nation.

The Department of Agriculture, in making up its annual estimate of farm income, submits two sets of figures. One is called "Gross Income for All Agricultural Production." The other is termed "Cash Income of Farmers."

The gross income figure includes not only the sale value of farm products marketed, but also the estimated value of farm products not marketed, but consumed by the farmer himself and his family. This is the figure generally used by the "kept" press . It is erroneous since it overstates the real "money income" of the farmers from one to two billion dollars in any year.

Real Income Too Low

Cash income is defined by the Department of Agriculture as the actual money received by farmers for the saleban industries . of their products. It is the figure used by this writer in compiling the 1925-36 farm income chart, published on this page.

The national income of all the people of the United States should, conservatively, be not less than $100-billion annually.

Taking all factors into account, the annual income of agriculture should be not less than one-seventh of the national income, or approximately $15-billion.

A National Problem

When the farmers receive 40 per cent less in prices, or income, legitimately due them, the effect is to cut the wages of agriculture by 40 per cent. This condition results in the inability of farm and rural people to buy manufactured products, and is reflected further in unemployment in ur-

Will Sponsor Farm Bill at Next Session of Congress

Senator Lynn Frazier (left) and Representative William Lemke, co-author of legislation to rescue the homes of distressed farmers. —*Wide World.*

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Congressman William Lemke of North Dakota will re-introduce the Frazier-Lemke Farm Mortgage Refinancing Bill "on the very first day" of the next session of Congress!

"I am convinced," says Lemke, "that there is a greater need for this bill today than ever before in our history. There can be no permanent recovery without a reduction of the farmers' back-breaking load of debt."

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The new measure will provide for refinancing of farm indebtedness at one per cent annual interest, instead of one and a half per cent, as provided in the bill that caused such a spectacular fight in the last session.

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The bill also will provide for a revolving fund of three billion dollars, created by an issue of debt-free government currency.

The interest rate was reduced in the new bill, Mr. Lemke says, because the United States continues to allow privately-owned Federal Reserve Banks to issue currency at a cost to the bankers of about 30 cents per thousand dollars.

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Currency will be retired, under the bill, as annual principal payments are made. Annual interest, or service, charges, Lemke points out, will substantially reimburse the government for the farmer's use of the national credit.

Cash Income of Farmers Since 1925

1925—$10,324,000,000	1929—$10,479,000,000	1933—$5,117,000,000
1926—$ 9,993,000,000	1930—$ 8,451,000,000	1934—$6,348,000,000
1927—$10,016,000,000	1931—$ 5,899,000,000	1935—$7,090,000,000
1928—$10,289,000,000	1932—$ 4,328,000,000	1936—$7,085,000,000 (Estimate)
$40,622,000,000	$29,157,000,000	$25,640,000,000
Annual Avg. $10,155,400,000	Annual Avg. $ 7,289,000,000	Annual Avg. $ 6,410,000,000

Auto "Parts" Strike Is Settled

LABOR ROUND-UP . . . .

NEW YORK, N. Y.—Americans will spend $4,000,000 this Christmas season in shopping, New York merchandising experts predict . . . The total may even exceed that figure and top the outpouring of funds in 1929, the record year, according to advance estimates.

EVANSTON, ILL. — Two news weeklies, banned from Washington, D. C., schools under federal law forbidding teaching of communism in the District, are being distributed among students in Evanston, professor of history at Evanston High School reports . . . Publications are the "Weekly News Review" and the "American Observer," which carry a discussion of the theory and practice of communism . . . They are published by the Civic Education Service of Washington, D. C.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—War vets are getting ready for Christmas, concludes the Treasury Department, noting big increase in the redemption of bonus bonds . . . Of the $1,728,858,100 in bonds issued last June, $1,307,815,800 have been cashed.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — After uncorking bonus-dividend fund to shareholders and workers, big business now begins spending money for plant improvement . . . More than $125,000,000 is reported to have been spent already as funds are rushed for new equipment by steel, railroad and public utility industries.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—John G. Winant, chairman of Social Security Board, announces that registration of country's wage earners is "off to a good start" . . . Says board soon will increase to 108 the number of its field offices to enable swift application of nation's 26,000,000 eligible employes.

SEATTLE, WASH. — Strike by employes of Post-Intelligencer comes to an end as Owner William Randolph Hearst makes agreement with American Newspaper Guild and appoints John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, as new publisher of the newspaper . . . All employes who did not strike in protest to discharge of Frank Lynch and Phillip Armstrong for union activities are given wage increases . . . Boettiger, former Chicago newspaper man, married Anna Roosevelt Dall in January, 1935.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—U. S. Shipping Board bureau makes startling disclosure that subsidies paid annually to 282 mail-carrying American ships exceed the entire cost of maintaining the vessels . . . Postmaster General Farley, in a separate statement, estimates subsidies paid to these lines at $28,850,000, or nearly $400,000 in excess of total cost of wages, maintenance and operation.

DETROIT, MICH. — Four $3,000,000,000 super highways, to stretch from "coast to coast without a traffic light," are planned by an auto research board as the first step in what the board says will be the "golden age of traffic." . . . Resolution providing for construction of the highways was introduced in Congress last March and was referred to the House Committee on Roads.

ROCHESTER, N. Y. — Are you working fast enough? . . . Your boss may soon put you in the movies to find out . . . Eastman Kodak Company, in connection with the International Bedoux company, has developed a fast motion picture camera to "photograph the element of time in human labor." Camera will take 1,000 to 4,000 pictures a minute . . . President of the Bedoux company declares it will be of "great value" in industry because it would establish a "yardstick to measure working effectiveness" . . . American labor rises to inquire: Will the gadget also result in increased pay for speedy workers?

WASHINGTON, D. C.—Senator M. M. Logan of Kentucky announces he is drafting bill which would put some 300,000 employes of emergencies under civil service.

NEW YORK, N. Y. — Wages as low as four cents an hour are being paid to women workers in some packaging concerns, New York State Department of Labor reports.

WASHINGTON, D. C.—American Federation of Labor sets $3,623 as minimum income every family in the United States should receive if economic recovery is to be established and maintained.

William Randolph Hearst, who came to terms with striking employes of his Seattle Post-Intelligencer, and appointed John Boettiger, President Roosevelt's son-in-law, as the new publisher of the newspaper.

This Land of Ours

The Washington correspondent of a Detroit newspaper, always on his toes for the allegro vivace as well as the retardo in Capital news, reports the following story:

Politicos and legislators returning to Capitol Hill report that James A. Farley's postoffice exhibited amazing efficiency in the late election.

Absentee ballots were rushed into the hands of voters and returned to their home polling booths with lightning-like speed. Special mailmen delivered the papers in person and waited while crosses were written opposite the names of Democratic candidates.

One absentee voter found himself in an embarrassing predicament. A few days after he returned his vote, he asked his political leader for an indorsement for a federal position.

"You can have it," wrote back the local boss, "but after this don't let me see any more ticket-splitting on your absentee ballots!"

Motor Firms Resume Full Work Hours

Santa Claus proved himself to be a better than average strike mediator in the last two weeks by stepping into the breach and helping to settle a "vital parts" strike that threatened for a time to tie up the Detroit motor industry.

Disputes in several large auto accessory plants, which supply parts for the Ford, Lincoln, Chrysler, Dodge, Plymouth and DeSoto, seemed to disappear in a wave of Christmas spirit, and workers who expected to be out of work for months were back on the job after a few days' negotiations.

Hardly had the dispute at the Bendix Products Corporation, South Bend, makers of vital parts for practically every major automobile concern, been won, when striking employes of the Midland Steel plant, Detroit, and the Libbey-Owens-Ford Glass Co., Ottawa, Ill., were notified to return to work.

Increased wages, bonus payments and improved working conditions were announced as settlement features.

Termination of the Midland strike immediately enabled the Chrysler Corporation, the Lincoln-Zephyr factory and the Briggs Manufacturing Co. (body makers) to re-establish normal operations.

K. T. Keller, president of the Chrysler Corporation, announced that work had been resumed in the company's Plymouth, Dodge, De Soto and Chrysler plants.

Libby-Owens-Ford Glass Co. employes had walked out in protest to a reported $4-million order from Chrysler, which they claimed was sent to Ottawa to defeat a six-weeks-old strike of Pittsburgh Plate Glass Co. employes.

B. J. Biggers, president of Libby-Owens-Ford, telegraphed G. W. McCabe, head of the Federation of Flat Glass Workers, that men in his plant had not been working on Chrysler but General Motors orders.

McCabe wired in reply:

> "If that is true I've made a serious mistake. Given assurance from you that no Chrysler work will be done at Ottawa, I will direct the men to return to work."

The South Bend plants of the Bendix Corporation resumed activity after a 10-day strike and lockout. The company agreed to recognize Local Union No. 9 of the United Automobile Workers of America.

A Problem

What to do about the vast army of middle-aged men and women on the relief rolls, many of whom are unskilled and who will find it difficult to get another foothold in the business world, is about the biggest question now facing the Department of Labor.

A mere plea to industrialists to provide jobs for these people, such as that recently broached by the president and the secretary of labor, will not solve the problem. Nor is Secretary Perkins' suggestion that industry survey its plants and list jobs suitable for this unskilled class the answer.

As a matter of fact there is no practical answer except a continuance of work relief projects for those who have been thrown out of private jobs and can't get back.

Low-Cost Home Held Solution of Housing Problem

While only 500 families actually have moved into federally built low-cost dwellings, Howard A. Gray, director of the PWA housing division announced that 26,186 workers have been given direct employment at the 50 project sites.

A report from the National Association of Manufacturers' committee on housing and employment deplores the "threat of federal competition in the normal housing field" and urges industrialists to give their attention to the need of low-cost and low-rent housing in the cost range of $2,000 to $3,000.

In Nashville, Tenn., bids for construction of the project buildings were twice received. If a contract had been awarded at prices asked, says The Christian Science Monitor, resulting rents would have been beyond the reach of low-income families for which the new community is intended. Harold L. Ickes, PWA administrator, ordered a redesigning of plans.

The manufacturers' committee urged:

1. Reduction of the tax load on homes.

2. Research by producers as to the manner in which better homes can be provided at less cost.

3. Plans by employers and employes for more continuous employment whereby a larger annual return will be assured the worker and lower unit costs will result.

4. Design by engineers and architects of more satisfactory homes for the great bulk of the people.

5. Development by financial institutions of programs to aid families of small means to own homes safely and permit those seeking safe investment of funds new opportunities for putting their funds to work.

6. Furnishing by employers of specific advice and assistance to employes in home buying and rental problems.

The committee estimated the present housing requirements in America at around 6-million home units.

Doom of Small Banks Is Planned

2 Million Brings Him 3 Billion

—Wide World.

George A. Ball, glass jar manufacturer, shown as he related to a senate investigating committee in Washington how he gained control of the three billion dollar Van Sweringen railroad interests at a cost to himself of less than two million dollars. The interstate commerce committee of the Senate has been delving into the intricacies of railway ownership for about a year. Ball was chosen as the first witness because of the dramatic and mystifying qualities of his Van Sweringer coup.

Inflation "Experts" Have Easy Access to Press

For the last several weeks the public prints have been in a great dither about "inflation". Articles by the score have been turned out by so-called money experts, all purporting to give the real low-down on currency expansion and its effects on the country.

Without a single exception, every one of these writings which have filtered into the office of SOCIAL JUSTICE bear the imprimatur of Wall Street and the Federal Reserve System.

The customary form is to admit the existence of money and credit inflation, but to defend it on the theory that "it is the right thing to do" at certain times.

Walter Lippmann, writing in the New York Herald-Tribune, recently called attention to the fact that banks controlled by the Federal Reserve System have created $10-billion "out of nothing" since the Roosevelt administration first took office.

(EDITOR'S NOTE: This calculation is about 50 per cent wrong. The fact is that $18-billion was manufactured in the fountain pen manner at the time of the bank holiday in 1933.)

Create Billions Out of Nothing

Mr. Lippman asks how this new money came to be created, and then answers his question by saying:

"The government printed bonds and then sold them to the banks. The banks paid for the bonds by giving the government the right to draw checks on the banks. The government drew the checks to pay the contractors, the people on relief, and others.

"Those who got the checks spent them at the grocery store and the grocer deposited the money in his bank. Thus, out of nothing, there was created purchasing power that did not exist before."

Is Mr. Lippmann criticising this policy? No-no-no. Perish the thought!

"On the contrary," he says, "I think it was the right thing to do. The country was violently deflated and it needed to be reflated."

In other words, the New York writer approves of a system in which Federal Reserve bankers manufacture money at a cost of less than 30 cents a thousand dollars to themselves, but the people have to pay the full thousand in principal plus an interest charge for its use.

Bank Credit Unlimited

Mr. Lippmann is very much alarmed by the possibility of a rush to the printing presses. But he fails to impress his readers with the fact that money inflation, which at least is carried on in the open, is invariably followed by the more serious credit inflation.

Against $18-billion of manufactured money, the Federal Reserve Banks can lend out virtually any amount of credit, in the form of bank drafts.

When it comes time to settle for these bank-credit drafts, the borrower must in all cases make repayment in real money—money that represents real wealth, such as a piece of land, a house or an automobile.

The general run of people allow the Federal Reserve System to rob them without complaint principally because they have been scandalously misinformed about inflation by banker-controlled newspapers.

The average person has been made to believe that money not issued for the private profit of wealthy bankers is inflationary and therefore dangerous.

The same newspapers who put out this sort of bogey propaganda are, curiously enough, the loudest whoopers for a preservation of our American democracy.

It is to their interest as advertising mediums not to acquaint their readers with the fact that there is no such thing as a political and industrial democracy under a financial autocracy, that we cannot have social justice while money changers are allowed to collect usury for the people's right to exchange commodities.

Reserve Bloc Demands Will Face Session

According to word from Washington, the fight to "unify" American banking—that is, to extend the dictatorship of the Federal Reserve Board over all banks of the nation—will be intensified by Wall Street lobbyists at the next session of congress.

The desired objective is, of course, decked out in the raiment of public interest. The lobbyists ostensibly will be at work in an effort to establish "a uniform provision for branch banking."

All newspapers of the land have fallen for this canard and are currently turning out propaganda to deceive their readers.

It is no secret that Wall Street is not completely satisfied with the present monetary arrangement, under which the functions of three government agencies overlap the functions of the Federal Reserve Board.

Functions Conflict

The trio of federal agencies which stand in the way of the big banking interests are the Federal Deposit Insurance Corp., the Reconstruction Financial Corp. and the office of the controller of the currency.

The controller of the currency still has something to say with regard to the operations of national banks, although the control of these banks is primarily in the hands of the Federal Reserve Board since they must join its system.

The Federal Deposit Insurance Corporation also maintains a separate system of control over these banks, as well as a supervision over state banks.

Pushes Drive

—Acme.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, Wall Street lieutenant, who is backing legislation to unify all banks of the nation under the control of the Federal Reserve Board.

The Reconstruction Finance Corporation fits into the picture because it owns preferred stock of Federal Reserve banks and therefore is a thorn in the side of private control.

Huey Prevented Coup

International bankers would like to sharply restrict the powers of these three offices in order to pave the way for the so-called "unified" bank control.

Senator Carter Glass of Virginia, Wall Street liaison officer in the upper chamber of the government, introduced a bill to this end four years ago, but it was filibustered to death by the late Senator Huey P. Long.

In each session of congress since, bank laws have been adopted tightening the control of the Federal Reserve System with respect to national banks and its own member banks.

Glass tried to amend all these enactments to spread private control over state banks as well, but each time the effort was defeated by the House at the behest of small independent bankers.

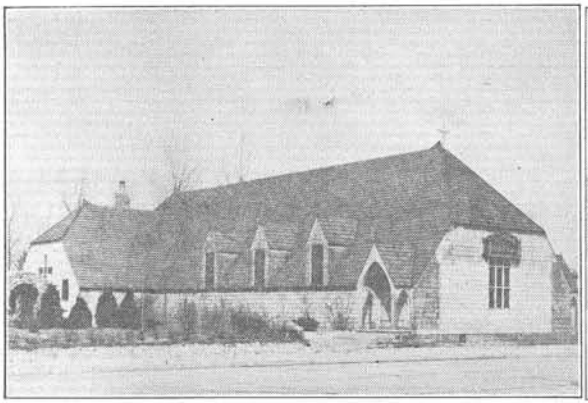
Small Bankers Periled

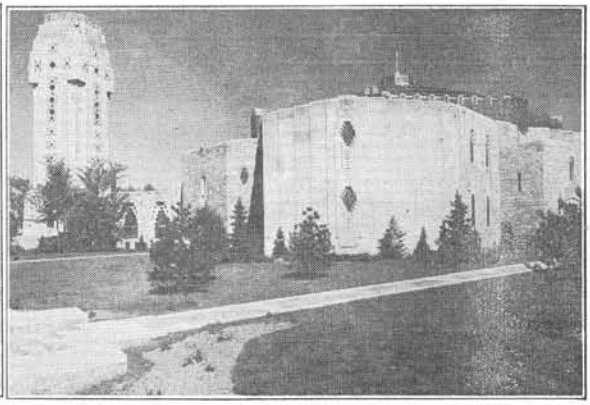
Glass finally consented to a compromise whereby all banks, deposits of which are guaranteed by the FDIC, must come under the control of the Federal Reserve System not later than 1942.

Independent bankers, however, won't surrender without a fight. There is a movement now among them to extend the time limit.

An indication that the various states are aware of the Wall Street bid for absolute control is seen in the passage of laws permitting branch banking in 34 states. Only nine states now prohibit branch banking altogether; five have no laws on the subject.

At the Shrine of the Little Flower





Your Shrine

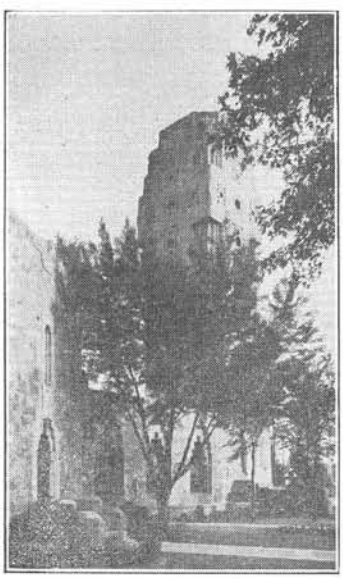
I WAS never so vain as to consider that the Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak was the product of my brain, my ability, or my energy. I have always recognized that it is a national Shrine, built by the prayers of millions of our fellow citizens and by the contributions of thousands of friends scattered throughout the nation.

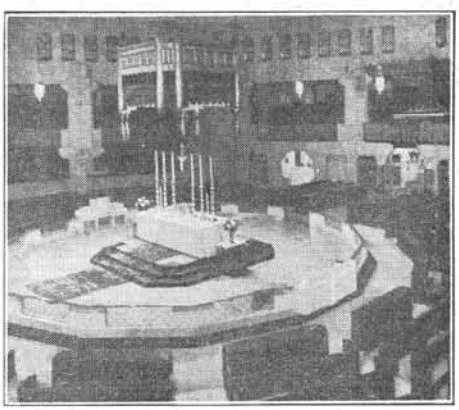
Therefore, on Christmas at midnight mass when we will commemorate the birth of Jesus Christ, this thought will be foremost in my mind. In keeping with it, I will ask the vested children who will gather around the altar to emulate the angels, to sing all their hymns for you.

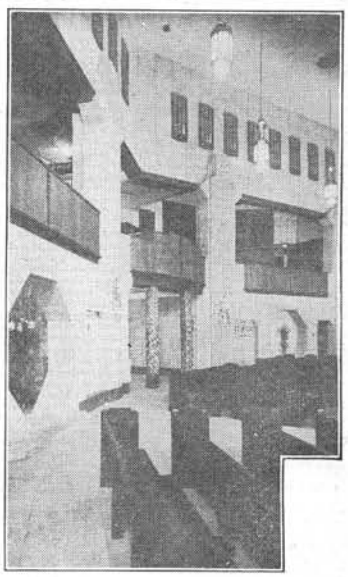
I will suggest to the officiating clergymen to offer up the midnight mass for your intention. At the Consecration, when Christ will be born upon the crib of the altar, I will humbly ask Him to bless each one of you.

At your Shrine, it will be my privilege to celebrate, at least in part, a Christmas mass for all of you.

Charles E. Coughlin







The pictures on this page show views of the world-famous Shrine of the Little Flower at Royal Oak, Mich., of which the Rev. Father Charles E. Coughlin is pastor. Upper left, the original "Little Church" burned on March 17, 1936; right, the new Shrine; left center, Blessed Sacrament altar; right center, detail of the Crucifixion tower; lower left, a vista of the grounds; center, interior view showing main altar; right, organ loft and entrance from narthex. All views reproduced with permission from official Shrine souvenir book, prepared by the Rev. A. M. Hutting, assistant pastor.